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THOUSAND SPRINGS WATER MODEL MEETING SET FOR JAN. 20 IN HAGERMAN

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State water managers have set a second meeting for January 20 to continue their explanation of a new water management modeling tool being created to help manage surface water in the Thousand Springs region, the Idaho Department of Water Resources announced today.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hagerman American Legion Hall, 281 N. State Street. Information is also available on the IDWR Internet web site: www.idwr.state.id.us

The model, known as the MikeBasin Model, is being developed by IDWR to serve as a water management tool for surface water flows in the areas below the canyon rim. Conjunctive administration of springs, streams, and ground water north of the Snake River between Twin Falls and King Hill, Idaho are presently a focus of water distribution and management challenges. The new model is designed to be an additional element in addressing the challenges of conjunctive management efforts, IDWR officials said.

"The meeting is being held so we can share the continuing developments in our Thousand Spring research and to get feedback from the public in the process. People who want to review the progress of our model development or who may have additional input regarding water use in the area are highly encouraged to attend," said Dave Tuthill, chief of the IDWR Adjudication Bureau.

The meeting is open to the public. It is being held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. If you need special assistance to attend or participate in the meeting, please contact Dr. Sudhir Goyal, (208) 327-7980 in advance so arrangements can be made.